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Aruba observes Universal Children's Day with National Congress to Combat Child Abuse and Neglect



Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar with Dr. James Garbarino

The Westin Resort in Palm Beach hosted an initiative from the office of Aruba's Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar on Saturday, November 20, Universal Children's Day. On this date in 1959 the UN General Assembly approved the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and 30 years later the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A number of local youth organizations participated in bringing about the first National Congress to Combat Child Abuse, including the Youth Parliament and foundations Respeta Mi, Youth Hotline and Bureau Sostememi (Support me.) They hosted booths distributing information and made presentations during the afternoon program.

Keynote speaker was Dr. James Garbarino, PhD, Senior Faculty Fellow of the Loyola University Department of Psychology in Chicago and a member of the Center for the Human Rights for Children. A presentation by Dr. Keith Carlo, Director of Social Service Curaçao finished the afternoon's presentations.

The protection of children and their right to a carefree and safe childhood is the right of every youngster, contends Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. Aruba has had 200 reported cases of child abuse in the past year; as in other countries, it is likely the incidence is greater.

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Fondo Desaroyo Aruba celebrates their 10th anniversary



FDA board members of Holland and Aruba with AIB Vice President Herry Koolman and Account Manager Jesse Simon



The FDA was established in May of 2000 by Holland and Aruba with the purpose of managing and allocating funds deposited annually by the two countries for projects and programs agreed upon by both governments. A Multi-year program (MJP) expedited in 3 phases was laid out to advance and stimulate the financial self-sufficiency of

the Aruba. 255 programs, ranging in scope from simple workshops and lectures for government employees to construction of new waste water plants and higher level vocational schools have been funded by the FDA during its tenure.

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Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Lawrence Dowers

Two of the board members, President Edwin Roos and Dutch member Peter Boorsma were joined by Aruba Investment Bank Assistant Managing Director Herry Koolman and Jesse Simon, Manager of FDA's account at AIB to welcome island parliamentarians and directors of social organizations which conducted FDA projects, for a 10th anniversary

Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, and Edwin Roos. Minister Dowers expressed gratitude for the essential role the FDA has played improving the quality of life on Aruba in many arenas, particularly education. Edwin Roos gave a brief history of the organization and highlighted some of its accomplishments.

In the establishing protocol,

celebration of its accomplishments on Friday evening November 19 at the Renaissance Convention Center. The third board member, Glenn Thode, who was Dean of Law Faculty of University of Aruba at the time of his appointment, is now the Lt. Governor of Bonaire, and was unable to attend.

Addressing the gathering were Aruba's

it was determined that over a period of 10 years, the Netherlands would deposit a total of NLG 220 million, (Euro 99.8 million for MJP 2000-2009 and NLG 120 million (Euro 33.1 million) for debt repayment. Aruba's share of the fund was AWG 180 million for MJP 2000-2009 and AWG 3 million for contribution to the RHH program.

FDA programs entailed 3 phases; the MJP- 2000-2005, 2006-2009 and RHH from 2005-2007 and 2009 through 2012. The MJP program is directed towards:

- Education: - to optimize the current level of education and the renewal of the system
- Quality of Government: - to optimize the quality of Aruba's government departments through the introduction of procedures and actions which will ensure an increased transparency and accountability in the use of power and funds in dialogue with the population

- Sustainable Economic Development: - for programs providing an improved quality of life, environmental conditions, healthier living and work con-

ditions.

- Health Sector: - structural improvement of the primary, secondary and tertiary sickness prevention programs within the health sector.

Additional goals and program objectives were added to the original agenda for

- Social Sector: - sustainable strengthening of social resilience of the population and an increase in the development of opportunities; increase in the physical capacity and the quality of the provision of care.

- National Security: - protection against external threats to Aruba and internal threats to the integrity of the political, economic, social and environmental fabric.

The achievements of the FDA can be seen in a state of the art middle level school of HORECA at EPI, (Hotel, Restaurant, Café) awarding an Associates Degree in Hospitality Management or Certified Chef. The same is true for the Health Care Services facility and an expansion of the Economics Sector. To date, 42 educational projects have been completed at a cost of 41% of the funds allotted.

Other noteworthy projects have been automation of the Police Department and modernized security systems at Aruba's ports, redirection of all waste water ending dumping at sea and new waste water treatment facilities. FDA funded a number of beach beautification projects, a new medical center for San Nicolas



Nicole Hoevertz, Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers and Menno Bart, Dutch Delegation to Aruba

and the current renovations and expansion of the historical courthouse in Oranjestad.

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Italian journalist loses laptop and offers reward

An Italian journalist, on the island to cover the Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event at MooMba Beach, has lost his laptop when exiting the airport on arrival. He just left his laptop in its black case on the upper part of his luggage cart and only realized his mistake half an hour later. By that time the laptop was gone. The journalist, Marco, is in dire straits: not only is all the information gone, but there were also personal documents in the case. So he is offering a reward of \$ 200.-- to get his laptop, which is password protected, back. If found, please call organizer of the Beach Tennis Event, Sjoerd de Vries at 5936512.

Chamber of Commerce warns the community against fraudulent collectors

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Chamber of Commerce (KvK) has recently received complaints from one of its members that representing the Chamber was collecting the yearly membership dues.

The Aruba Chamber of Commerce warns all businesses that the Chamber DOES NOT have any one collecting the yearly membership dues or any other money owed to the Chamber. What the Chamber is actually doing is contacting all its members - who still have not met their legal obligations for the year 2010 (and/or previous years) - by telephone to

advise them to do so before the end of the year.

The Aruba Chamber of Commerce recommends everyone, when approached by a collector who says they are representing the Chamber, to ask the subject for his ID and notify the Chamber immediately, for it is a delinquent act that has to be denounced to the judicial authorities.

Readers interested to know more on this matter can call the Chamber of Commerce at tel. 582-1566 ext. 36 of 43 or take contact via-mail financial@arubachamber.com



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Friday evening a special session was conducted for professionals working with children with more than 140 attending. The minister expressed her satisfaction in their sincere concern to attend to the rights of children and protecting them from abuse.

Dr. Garbarino stated it is easy to say, "Child abuse is bad," but defining and understanding it is complicated and what constitutes abuse is evolving continually. "When I was 5 years old, if I was hurt in a car accident while sitting on a parent's lap, it would have been considered an unfortunate accident. Today, when we know that having a child in a proper car seat can prevent 90% of their traffic deaths, it is judged neglect, and parents can face fines, jail time, or both. It is our perception of child abuse, affected by changing times and culture, which defines it."

Dr. Garbarino admits that in present society there are a number of households where one of



Jhon Freddy Montoya and Cherry Ras of Bon Nochi Drum Dushi

been revealing in the past. The public is more informed and diligent about reporting what may be abuse. It is hard to establish, if children don't display the actual physical evidence. However, it helps that youngsters' stories of incidents are not being as readily discounted as they were pre-

played on the Internet forever. Studies have shown that child abuse is decreasing; again, these are the reported cases. Changing practices are affecting the detecting of possible abuse so as to deter; previously, mothers spent 5 days in maternity wards where nurses could observe the parents and report behavior which could indicate an abusive household and alert social services. Now, mother and child go home after a day or two, so this source of preventing abuse has been compromised.

Following Dr. Garbarino's enlightening remarks, Jhon Freddy Montoya and his troupe performed an original theatrical production and finished with a panel discussion. Facilitating the attendance of all family demographics on the island, the congress provided a playroom and caregivers for the children, and free bus service from San Nicolas to the Westin and return. "The purpose of this congress was to provide understanding and hopefully a start for lasting solutions to this important issue," asserted Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar.

by Rosalie Klein



board members of Parlamento Hubenil

the parents is not the biological parent, and this does change the dynamic, presenting the possibility for abuse, sexually, physically or psychologically. "The concern for abuse of children is not as great from an outside source, such as registered sex criminals, as much as in the home," confirms Dr. Garbarino. "Detecting the abuse has become more difficult for teachers and those surrounding youngsters because social behaviors which were considered bizarre in the past, usually a reliable indicator, have now become commonplace. A radical change of appearance, such as getting tattoos and piercings, has become fashionable for many socio-economic levels. Aggressive behavior imitating what has been seen in violent films, television and other media is also regularly practiced, which also would have

viously."

Former generations punished children physically without consequences. Now a security camera can catch a mother slapping a child and it will be broadcast on national news programs resulting in her being arrested as well as humiliated. Such actions will be re-



Singing choir of Tica Giel.



For animal lovers everywhere...

Cas Animal saves strays; help Kiki continue her work

When Kirsten Arndt came to Aruba on vacation 14 years ago, she never imagined she would become the local "Francis of Assisi," dedicating her life to stray, sick and abused dogs and cats. Discovering the climate was extremely beneficial to a debilitating and incurable skin condition, she left all she knew to make a life on Aruba, arriving with 9 cats in tow, already unable to "leave any animal behind."

In the house she rented she found two dogs abandoned by the owners as they went traveling extensively in Europe. They had been without food and care for a long time, and

immediately became a part of Kiki's household, to which two dogs found on the street were added.

Moving to a larger house with more grounds, her menagerie grew, as she found it impossible to leave behind any dog or cat she found on the road starved, sick, injured, or all three. Before she knew it, her house was a haven for dozens of dogs; some she was fortunate enough to place in the homes of kind owners. "At least once a month I would find a box of puppies thrown in the bushes, and I couldn't leave them."

Kiki now cares for 72 dogs in her home and has acquired a

piece of land from the government to build a proper sanctuary; she started a foundation call Cas Animal, and runs an "Animal Ambulance" thanks to fundraising efforts by her parents back in Germany and the largess of Jolly Holding and Stern Motors, which support her efforts. She has 38 cats she cares for at a friend's house.

Kiki also has taken animals away from abusive owners, sometimes at threat to her physically "but having the police come with me usually helps." She is pictured here with two favorite mascots, Riu and Dorothy, who can be seen on the Christmas cards, calendars and other objects she creates to raise funds.

Riu was named because Kiki was on her way to a formal donation luncheon at the RIU Resort when she found him as a young puppy. She had stopped at a supermarket for a moment and a boy pointed out a dog unsuccessfully trying to drink dripping water from the air-conditioning. The puppy's jaw had been broken, perhaps by a car or a kick, and was literally hanging on his chest. Her luncheon forgotten, she ran with him to Contreras Veterinary Clinic, where they wired his jaw. "Riu is my poster boy, even though part pit bull, he is the sweetest, most calm natured dog, even during the painful process of wiring his jaw and 7 weeks until it was fully healed, he was loving and happy," she recounts. "Two women witnessed Dorothy, just a puppy, being thrown out the window of a moving car into the cactus and rescued her. They already had two young, enormous Filo's at home and it wasn't working out, so they called me. From the moment I brought her home she and Riu have been inseparable; they do everything together and are so good I can take them everywhere with me."



Kiki and her animal ambulance

Kiki maintains a strict no-kill policy for all her animals. Contreras Clinic discounts her heavily but her monthly bill is still anywhere from 500 to 2000 Aruban florins, especially when she finds a new dog to save. Her daily dog food bill is 3,500 florins; \$2,000. She dedicates a great deal of her time to fundraising and seeking the assistance of dog food importers who will give her broken bags or sell them cheaply. She dreams of bringing her story to the attention of Ellen DeGeneres, who owns a dog food company and has donated her product to such facilities in other countries.

Aside from these expenses, she is working hard to raise the money to build a proper Cas Animal; she already sold two homes which provided her income to finance the project. Any donations to assist in this mission are appreciated. Inquiries regarding adopting one of her charges are welcome, and it is a simple matter to take a dog or cat back to the U.S.; it has been done frequently.

Kiki's determination to save Aruba's strays and abused dogs consumes her life "But I cannot stop; I tried one time, I saw a dog in San Nicolas and left it. I could not sleep that entire night, he haunted me. The

next day I could not look at myself in the mirror, so I went back and found the dog, and accepted that this would be my life from now on."


Kiki can be contacted by calling 742-8732 to make donations, adopt a dog or avail of her Animal Ambulance services, which will transport dogs to the vet if the owner is not able, or will come to collect an injured animal. Kiki re-



quires 350,000 Aruban florins to build her dream facility, she is halfway there. She can also be contacted through the clinic at convet@setarnet.aw -attention of Yessy, and mention "for Kiki"


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"Through the presence of art we can evoke open-mindedness and thus move forward as a people."

Thannee Hassell introduces Link Up Education



Thannee Hassell

Link Up Education is an inspirational learning seminar designed for the secondary school children of Aruba. It was created by Thannee Has-

sell, our Aruban artist and Sound Engineer. She is the only Aruban who has ever worked on Hollywood feature films.

Link Up was a result of the alarming poor performance and lack of aspiration Thannee noticed amongst the Aruban kids.

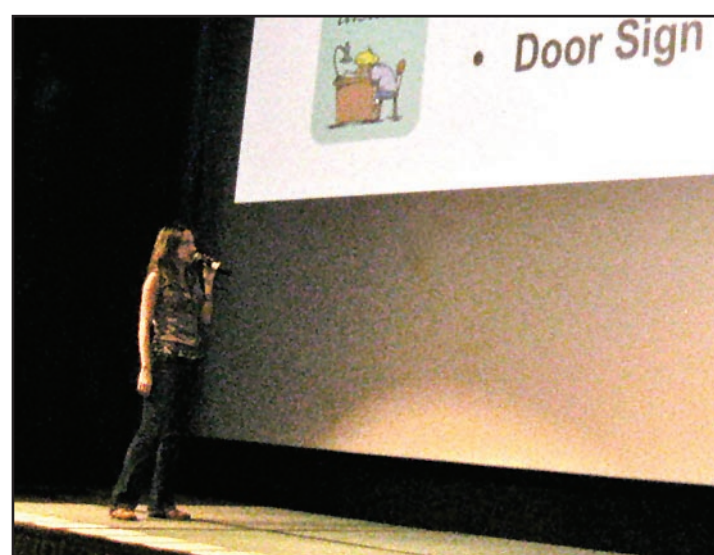
The Link Up Education presentation was a tremendous success at the Crystal Theater in the Renaissance

Mall. The location was chosen because it has Aruba's largest high-tech screen (50-feet) with a state-of-the-art digital projector.

To get the children to pay attention and focus, the Link Up program was purposely conceptualized in a hyper-stimulating modern way, which included visual, auditory, musical, and verbal interaction. A multi-media show was designed by Thannee to capture and engage the school kids. Visual effects and sophisticated animations of object and text transitions were displayed onto the screen throughout the program.

Link Up Education was based around 15 practical Tips & Tools, written by Thannee to redirect the dis-oriented school kids who are at a transitional phase of switching to an adulthood-like schooling system. The Tips & Tools were made to arm the kids with simple things they can do on a daily basis to perform better in school and increase their chances at success in life.

The current Minister of



Education, Mr. Drs. A. Dowers, addressed the children via a Short Film Interview during which he shared his experience of when he was a kid in school and how he paved his way into his profession in life.

There was also a Motivational Speech by guest speaker, Sharon Alexander, to inspire the kids to think about their future.

For the finale, the kids were treated to a New Video Release with a Live Performance of the musical act T

Nuff Kemp (Thannee & Kemp of Youth Xtreme) who performed the song "Link Up" which was specifically written as the theme for this presentation.

With the help of UNOCA and Aruba Culture Department, Link Up was presented completely free of charge to all 'Brugklassers' of Aruba and a website was launched for the students www.LinkUpLinkUp.com

Thannee has demonstrated the importance of art to reach the children in education.

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Road spanning South America to open after delays

PUERTO MALDONADO, Peru (AFP) — The long-awaited Inter-Oceanic Highway spanning South America is due to be completed next month, after several fitful years of construction and despite early opposition from environmental groups.

The controversial thoroughfare, linking up road networks from the continent's Atlantic and Pacific Ocean coasts, will cross through the Peruvian town of Puerto Maldonado, deep in the Peruvian Amazon.

The 900-million-dollar highway, which involves renovating some 2,600 kilometers (1,600 miles) of road from Peru's southwest coast to its border with the Brazilian state of Acre, was conceived decades ago.

It has progressed in fits and starts because of funding problems. But now, at long last, it is poised to be unveiled next month, although it remains as controversial today as when it was first proposed.

Opposition was particularly strong among environmentalists, who worry that illegal logging, mining and other industries will be made easier once the highway is built, threatening fragile rainforests.

Almost 95 percent complete, the highway will link to existing roadways that serve Brazil's southeastern port of Santos and Peru's ports of San Juan de Marcona, Matarani and Ilo, on the other side of the Andes.

The "Continental Bridge" spanning the Madre de Dios river in Puerto Maldonado is the last piece of unfinished business, but it is scheduled to be completed in December, weather permitting.

Over a half dozen years, some 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) of road has been laid down and another 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) improved in Peru.

In a parallel project further south, Brazil is building a road from Santos on the Atlantic coast to Chile's Pacific port of Iquique -- a 5,800 kilometer (3,600 mile) highway that will cross through Bolivia.

When the Inter-Oceanic highway is up and running, it will give travelers the ability to traverse a huge swath of the continent, from the Amazon to the Andes, and on from there to the Pacific.

The road covers much of the same ground used by settlers who first conquered the wild Peruvian interior generations ago and promises to usher in an era of development and prosperity for the region.

The highway will provide "an injection of wealth in the south" said Peru's President Alan Garcia ahead of the unveiling. He has also announced a Peru-to-Brazil road race to take place in January.

Augusto de Castro, director of a Brazilian association for foreign commerce, said the roadway "makes possible the connection of a very isolated Amazon region of Peru to the rest of the world."

He said it also will allow northern Brazil to export products to markets in China, Korea and Japan -- particularly sought-after agricultural goods.

Angel Trigo, an official for a business association for the Madre de Dios region, said there has already been an increase in tourism in the region, as well as a noticeable increase in demand for labor.

But environmentalists fear large companies will now overrun the region, polluting Amazon jungle rivers and hastening the potentially devastating process of rainforest deforestation.

In Brazil, where road infrastructure is significantly more developed, "70 percent of Amazon deforestation is concentrated 50 miles on either side of the major paved roads," said Paulo Moutinho, a researcher with the Brazilian Institute for Amazon Climate Research.

If Peru doesn't actively work to avoid the same outcome, "it is destined to repeat it," he said.

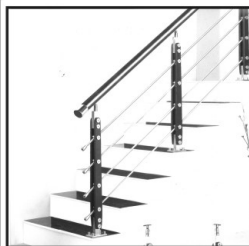
The situation for Peru is even more complicated because of a legal and illegal gold mining industry in the country's southeast.

The country is the world's fifth gold producer, and there are already some 30,000 independent miners -- a number certain to grow once the road opens.

Native communities are worried about a likely increase in illegal prospectors seeking to make their fortune.

And indigenous rights activists say there is already evidence that the road is affecting traditional communities.

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Lime Wire Not Complying with Injunction, RIAA Says

The Recording Industry Association of America this week accused Lime Wire of not complying with a court-ordered injunction to stop all operations, citing a pirated version of the site that popped up online.

Lime Wire denied involvement with that site and said it was complying with the order. The RIAA, however, asked the court to appoint a "receiver," who will oversee Lime Wire's compliance with the injunction.

Lime Wire has "demonstrated in no uncertain terms that they either will not or cannot do what the injunction commands," the RIAA wrote in a filing with a New York District Court. "A receiver appointed by and answerable to the court is the only way to ensure that the injunction will



be respected and implemented."

In late October, a court-ordered injunction forced Lime Wire LLC to block its LimeWire service from the Gnutella P2P network. LimeWire had to "disable 'the searching, downloading, uploading, file trading and/or file distribution functionality, and/or all functionality; of LimeWire's P2P file-sharing software," the company said at the time.

The RIAA filing was heavily redacted, so all the details about Lime Wire's compliance with the injunction were not immediately

clear, but the RIAA did point to LimeWire Pirate Edition (LPE), a version of LimeWire reportedly posted online by a "secret dev team".

"On Tuesday, Magistrate Judge ordered limited discovery on this [LimeWire Pirate Edition] issue," in order to find out the identity of the person -- known as Meta Pirate -- who put the pirated edition on the Web, the RIAA said.

Lime Wire denied that it was involved with LPE.

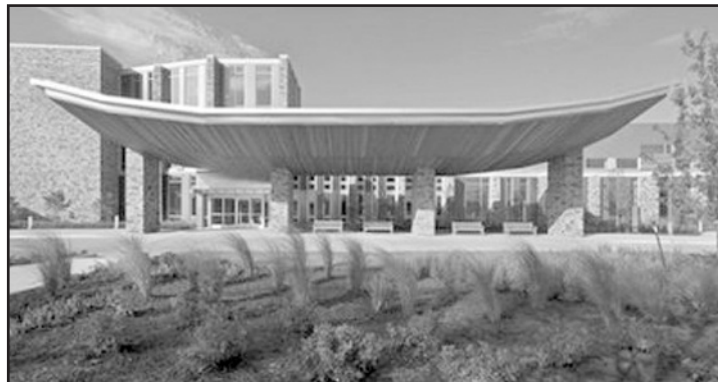
"LimeWire is complying with the court ordered injunction," the company said in a statement. "We have informed the court we are not involved in the distribution of LimeWire Pirate Edition nor have we used the name Meta Pirate."



University students and engineers of Ad Astra laboratory inflate a meteorological balloon on November 20, 2010 in Tilaran, some 168 kilometers North of the San Jose. Engineers and academics from Costa Rica this weekend launched a hot air balloon to take pictures and videos of the curvature of the Earth. During its near three-hour rise, the instruments attached to the white balloon were sending temperature and humidity data, plus a historic session of photos and videos: the first pictures of the curvature of the Earth as seen in Central America. (AFP PHOTO)

Health & Living

Oklahoma hospital invokes Native American healing arts



Front view of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

ADA (AFP) - Nestled amid green fields and stream-filled woodlands, a new hospital opened by the Chickasaw Nation blends sacred Native American healing traditions with cutting-edge medicine.

It is one of a growing number of medical centers in the United States that recognize healing is about more than just drugs and IV drips.

Instead, they take an approach based on the belief that patients can recover more quickly when their cultural and spiritual beliefs are accommodated.

"Although we rely on conventional medicine, there are still folks who believe that healing is not just for your physical body... it's for your spirit as well," said Bill Anoatubby, governor of the Chickasaw nation that numbers more than 49,000 citizens.

Chickasaw traditions include deep ties to nature and family, so the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center was designed to provide a peaceful environment with space for healing ceremonies and plenty of visitors.

Large windows eliminate the need for artificial lighting on sunny days and provide patients with soothing views of the prairie sky and 230 acres (93 hectares) of green fields and woodlands from their spacious rooms.

"It cheers you up -- you don't feel trapped in this

box," said Larry Speck, lead architect on the project with Austin, Texas-based Page-SoutherlandPage.

Trails of crushed granite lead from the back of the hospital to a seating area in a "dry-creek" motif that will be used for healing ceremonies.

And since the 370,000-square-foot (34,370-square-meter) center -- the largest Native American hospital in the United States -- serves members of all federally recognized tribes, it was also designed to accommodate other tribal practices.

Plans are already underway to build a smudge pit -- a smoke pit for ceremonies -- and officials are eager to learn more about the needs of neighboring tribes who may use the center. In the state of Oklahoma alone, there are more than 40 tribes.

Native Americans have struggled against a neglectful and at times oppressive federal government since the founding of the republic, and to this day the nation's 1.9 million Native Americans in 565 federally recognized tribes still suffer from discrimination and higher rates of poverty.

-- Chickasaw art makes them comfortable --

The hospital replaces an outdated facility that was surrounded by fast-food restaurants on a busy street in nearby Ada, Oklahoma, and brings more sophisticated

medical equipment to the underserved Native American population.

The 145 million-dollar center was paid for with revenues from casinos and other business ventures like chocolate factories, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Health Service pays for the staff.

The center includes a 72-bed hospital, an emergency department, a diabetes care center, a women's health center, a dental clinic, a diagnostic imaging center and tribal health programs.

A centrally located "town center" bridges the patient care centers and administrative offices.

"The setting is very calm and peaceful," said Dr. Judy Parker, the hospital's administrator.

"We're having more patients requesting that they stay another day," she told AFP. "That didn't happen before."

The facility also houses the region's only 256-slice CAT scan and the imaging department will also provide mammography, ultrasound, bone scan and MRI services.

Malaysia urges elderly couples to recall the 'joy of sex'



KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - In its latest bid to stem rising divorce rates, a northern Malaysian state is providing



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'Natural' sex aid contains Viagra drug, US watchdog warns

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US drug safety watchdog warned consumers on Friday not to use a male sexual stimulant that is marketed as natural but contains the active ingredient found in Viagra.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said Vigor-25, which is sold as a natural dietary supplement to enhance male sexual performance, contains sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra, which could dangerously

lower blood pressure if it interacts with other prescription drugs.

The FDA is investigating the reported death of a 26-year-old man, possibly associated with the use of Vigor-25, the agency said.

Vigor-25 is distributed by Piston Corporation and is sold mainly on the Internet, although it could also be available through some retail outlets, the FDA said.

"Because of the lack of intimacy, the couples who are already in their twilight years, get more agitated and tense and this strains their marriage badly to the point of divorce.

"This can be avoided with tips on how to keep things exciting," he added.

Such courses are rare in Muslim-majority Malaysia where open discussions on sexual health are considered taboo.

However, with three out of every 10 marriages end in divorce in the state, and officials are trying to keep couples and families together with courses aimed at retaining intimacy.

Last year, the state's family development board organised a sexual relations course for newly-married couples, encouraging them to bathe together and use exotic fragrances to "arouse sexual desire."

The state government has also asked local cosmetics firms to introduce special perfumes for couples following complaints by some that they were divorcing because of routine sex and their partner's bad body odour.

Health tip: What Causes Bed Sores?

Pressure ulcers, commonly called bed sores, are wounds that develop on the skin from staying in one position without shifting your weight.

People who have just had surgery and aren't able to get out of bed, for example, may acquire a pressure ulcer because the constant weight on the affected area decreases blood supply, killing affected tissue.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says the following conditions may foster pressure ulcers:

- * Being unable to get out of bed, or being confined to a wheelchair.
- * Developing skin wounds easily, or having a chronic condition that affects blood circulation.
- * Being unable to move parts of the body without assistance due to injury or illness.
- * Being malnourished.
- * Being mentally impaired or having dementia.
- * Being older or incontinent.

sex education for the elderly, following newlywed sex courses and free honeymoons for couples in crisis.

The weekend seminar for elderly couples in Terengganu state aims to "bring back the joy of sex" and to show long-married couples how to get their partner's libido going again.

"Many elderly couples sleep in separate bedrooms and are not intimate. This is unhealthy as they can still have vibrant intimate relationships, especially with all kinds of therapy and health supplements available," state family development foundation head Mohamad Sharuddin Mustafa told AFP.

Take time to get acquainted with

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There is a particularly lovely beach on Aruba with a gorgeous vista right near the airport, known always as Surfside; for some time now the building adjacent to it has gone through a string of owners seeking an appropriate identity for this special place, and it looks like it has finally found it with the opening of the Nikky Beach Club Aruba.

Our investigative team from THE MORNING NEWS went down to have a look at this latest venture, and we found just the kind of authentically tranquil, Caribbean ambiance vacationers seek when visiting Aruba. New owner Hans and his GM Lub have completely renovated and redesigned the venue to fully showcase this charming location while pro-

viding a very reasonably priced menu and bar.

November is the month to get acquainted with Nikky Beach as they are offering an introductory dinner special of only \$15 for a three-course meal or a different Entrée de Jour each day of the week for only \$10. This is available from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m., so you can finish up an afternoon spent on the beach, catch a meal after a dive with the adjacent SCUBA shop, or savor your supper along with one of the most spectacular locations to watch our amazing Aruban sunsets.

Jan and Lub have dubbed Sunday's at Nikky Beach "Rehab Day," when they provide a particularly pleasant ambiance with popular local and international DJ's from noon on and \$3 Mimosas all day long. During the tradi-

tional Happy Hour time slot, they feature live music with top local groups specializing in the soft sound of the islands.

Some extremely interesting items on the menu captured our interest along with very moderate prices; aside from the November special you can expect an a la carte tab that will add to your enjoyment. Their chef offers an extensive fusion selection that reveals expertise in several notable cuisines; a nice variety that will please everyone's mood. For lunch and snacking you find a varied choice of classic salads, favorite local treats, pastas and gourmet sandwiches. Kitchen is open from 10:00 am. to 10:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

One last interesting tidbit: Lub explained they offer a customized Departure Day Pack-

age that allows vacationer to stow their luggage, enjoy all their amenities, choose a meal, drinks or both and they will personally guarantee getting you to the airport in plenty of time for the flight. Changing rooms and showers let you swim and beach it until departure time and you can linger without rushing, as the airport is only 2 minutes away; no worries about fighting traffic or delays. "Why should you end your stay on a hurried and harried note?" asks Lub. "You can join us for the day and keep that relaxed island ambiance up to the last minute; it doesn't have to end at check out." The package requires reservations, which can be made by calling 582-0153 or contact them through their website: www.nickybeacharuba.com.

by Rosalie Klein



Century Casinos, Inc. announces management contract for casino at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado -- Century Casinos, Inc. (NASDAQ Capital Market® and Vienna Stock Exchange: CNTY) recently announced the execution of a long-term Management Agreement for the Casino at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, effective December 1, 2010.

Pursuant to the agreement, Century will provide management services (but no investment) for the operation of the casino and will receive a management fee consisting of a fixed fee, plus a percentage of gross revenue, plus a percentage of EBITDA.

The 14,000 square foot casino is centrally located within the hotel and operates with approximately 250 slot machines, 15 table games and

one food & beverage outlet.

Carlson, owners of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, selected Century Casinos as the management company after concluding a comprehensive selection process of international casino operators. The Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is a full-service AAA four diamond property spread over 14 acres overlooking the ocean and has a total of 324 guest rooms and 31 suites, two large pools, five food & beverage outlets, meeting and banquet space, retail shops as well as a newly built Larimar Spa. The hotel and the casino will be refurbished in the spring 2011.

"We are excited about this opportunity to provide casino management services to Carl-

son and to get a foothold in the Caribbean casino market", said Erwin Haitzmann and Peter Hoetzing, Co CEOs of the Company.

About Century Casinos, Inc.:

Century Casinos, Inc. is an international casino entertainment company that owns and operates Century Casino & Hotels in Cripple Creek and Central City, Colorado, and in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and the Century Casino in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Company also operates casinos aboard eleven luxury cruise vessels (Silver Cloud, Regatta, Insignia, Nautica, Mein Schiff, Wind Surf, Wind Star, Wind Spirit, Seven Seas Voyager, Seven Seas Mariner,

Seven Seas Navigator) and signed contracts for casinos on three additional ships (Marina, Riviera and TUI Mein Schiff II) that are expected to start operations soon. Through its Austrian subsidiary, Century Casinos Europe GmbH, the Company holds a 33.3% ownership interest in Casinos Poland Ltd., the owner and operator of seven full casinos in Poland. Century Casinos, Inc. continues to pursue other international projects in various



stages of development.

For more information about Century Casinos, visit their website at www.centurycasinos.com. Century Casinos' common stock trades on The NASDAQ Capital Market® and the Vienna Stock Exchange under the symbol CNTY.

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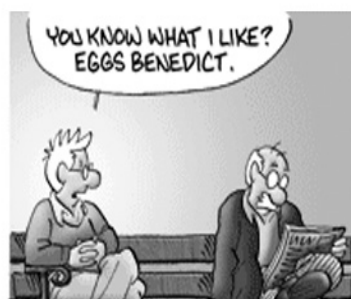
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Two beautiful ladies - Carole and Joan honored as Aruba special guests



Recently, Mrs. Carole Gary was honored as Ambassador of Goodwill of Aruba. The distinction was bestowed on her for her more than 25 consecutive years of visiting Aruba. Also honored was Mrs. Joan Klinger who was named Distinguished Visitor of Aruba for her more than 10 consecutive visits to our island. Her first visit to Aruba was in 1972. During a small ceremony on their behalf at the Renaissance Ocean Suites, resort where they were staying, Aruba Tourism Authority rep. Rayon Koolman handed the ladies beautiful certificates as a 'thank you' gesture for their love and loyalty to our island. Also present at the ceremony were Renaissance Ocean Suites associates.

COMICS



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ACROSS

1. Take off
5. Cancel
10. Grand item
14. Vipers
18. Before cadabra
19. A Muse
20. Before medic
21. Garlands
22. Vanderbilt 11
24. Arkansas 11
26. Door opener
27. Great dog
28. Ghost
30. Flavor
31. Baseball team
32. Guide
33. Football filler
34. Ships' rooms
37. Holly
38. Deserts
43. Dill herb
44. Navy 11
47. "___ go bragh"
48. Standing: suffix
49. First-class
50. Makes a choice
51. Small amount
52. "GWTW" home
53. Arizona 11
57. Archie or Roger
58. Reptiles
60. Sty sound
61. Transgressor
62. Actor Montand
63. Next year's grads
64. Molt
65. Wan
68. Mosquito woe
69. Rolling ___
71. Shun
72. Massachusetts 11
74. Iowa State Cyclones' city
77. Guinea weight
78. Before I sing
80. M. Coty
81. Ancient Briton
82. Scand. measure
83. Miami 11
87. Wide-mouthed vessel
88. Frigates
90. Valley
91. Violent speaker
93. "___ pro nobis"
94. Congers
95. Jar tops
96. Crowd noises
99. Soft, in music
101. Verdi opera
102. "Ain't ___ Sweet?"
105. Tennessee 11
107. Michigan 11
110. Like a good receiver
111. Shem's son
112. Go into
113. Barcelona bull
114. Occident
115. Computer food

116. Cooper role
117. Trade

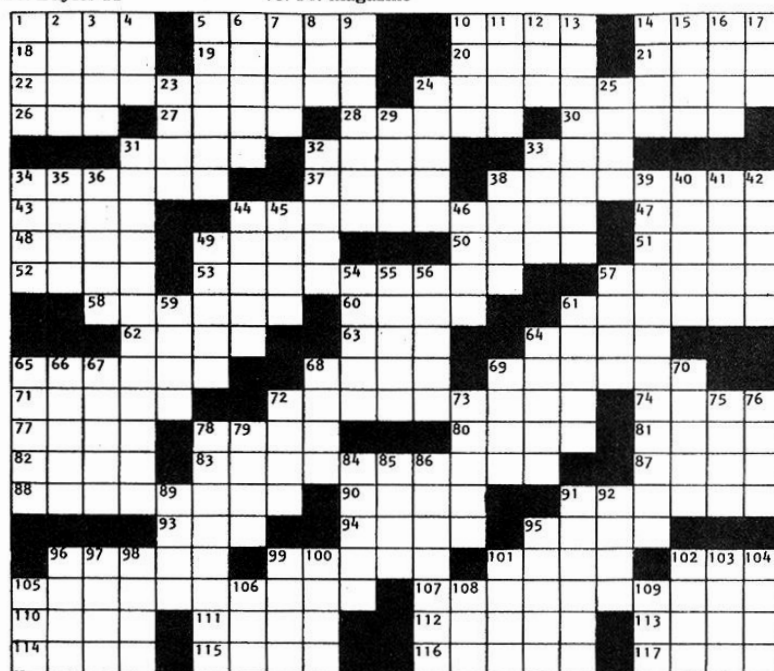
DOWN

1. Tackle the QB
2. Flute's kin
3. The Cadets
4. Aries
5. Covered cars
6. Hag
7. Unusual
8. Took the loss
9. Have the ball
10. WWI plane
11. Lounge
12. Orinoco tributary
13. UFO drivers?
14. 49th st.
15. Religious group
16. Peak discoverer
17. Draft gp.
23. Wotan
24. Neighbors of ulnae
25. Farm building
29. Meal from leftovers
31. Penn State 11
32. Put on board
33. Aid
34. Throw
35. Pilaster
36. Baylor 11

38. Electric units
39. Wake Forest 11
40. Largest constellation
41. Saltpetre
42. Gibe
44. Pouts
45. Taverns
46. 11th President
49. Questioned
54. Acid dye
55. Excellence in the arts
56. Smaller map
57. Bearing
59. Eager
61. Glistened
64. British guns
65. Fleshy fruit
66. City near Madrid
67. Born or sore
68. Berlin beverage
69. Capt. Hook's right hand
70. Fuse ore
72. Soissons seas
73. Fish-eating birds
75. Fr. magazine

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76. Headliner
78. Desired
79. Athapaskan Indian
84. Notions
85. City in France
86. Permitted
89. Car warning
91. Jockeys
92. Jewish month
95. Enjoyed oneself
96. Lasso
97. Spanish rafts
98. Ma's sis
99. Fuel
100. "___ la Douce"
101. Old man, in Germany
102. Miss White
103. Mythical queen
104. Fabulist: var.
105. Pledge
106. High note
108. Single
109. Tag players



Note to Solvers: This Crossword does not have aids such as "2 wds." and "hyph."

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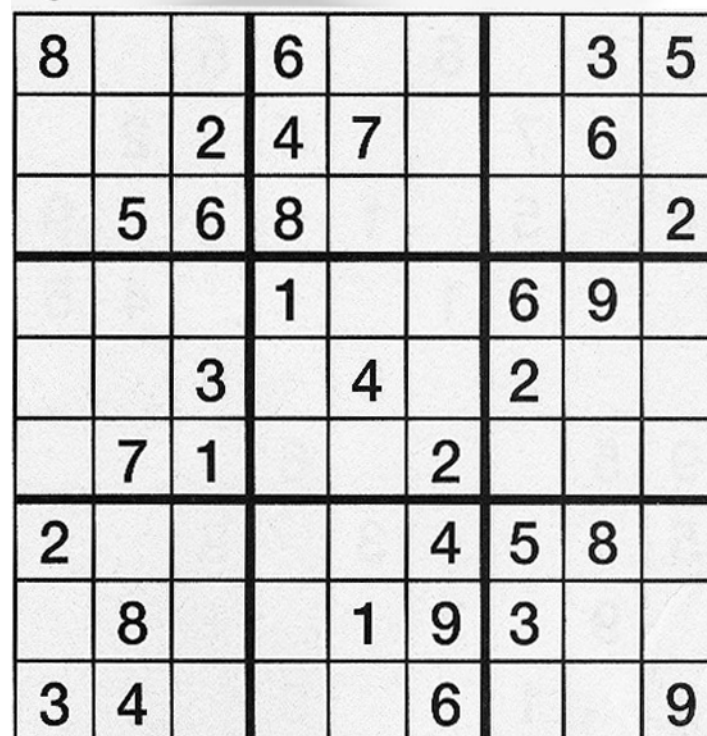
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4	7	3	6	1	2	9	8	5
9	8	5	4	3	6	1	2	7
7	9	8	2	9	3	1	4	6
1	4	2	8	7	6	3	9	5
3	6	9	4	5	1	8	7	2
2	1	7	3	6	8	9	5	4
8	9	6	5	4	7	2	3	1
5	3	4	1	2	9	7	6	8

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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EMERYVILLE, California -- A bin filled with sale priced video games is displayed at a Best Buy store in Emeryville, California. With the holiday shopping season right around the corner, several retailers have started offering holiday discounts ahead of Black Friday in hopes of increasing sales. (AFP PHOTO)



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil -- Brazil's President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva (R) receives the Personality of the Year award given by the president of the Brazil-France Commerce Chamber, Francois Dossa, on November 19, 2010 in Rio de Janeiro. (AFP PHOTO)



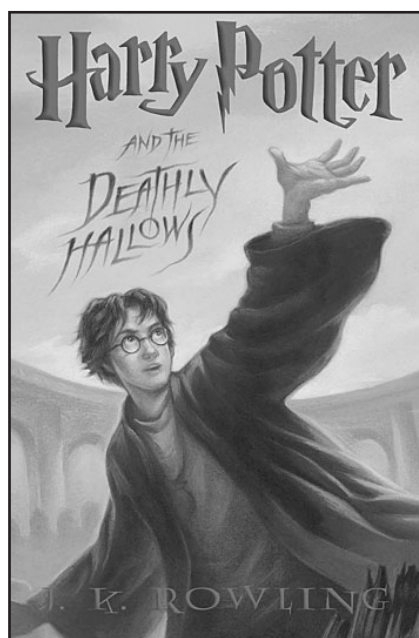
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras -- Geese are exhibited for sale in the southern outskirts of Tegucigalpa. Honduras is one of the 15 countris in the world with most inequality, according to a report of the Program of the United Nations for Development (PNUD), which affects mostly women, indigenous population and African descendants. (AFP PHOTO)

New Harry Potter movie breaks box office records

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - The new Harry Potter movie has broken box office records around the world, taking some 330 million dollars globally in one of the biggest weekends of all time, its makers and estimates said yesterday.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One" made 125.1 million dollars in the United States and scored Britain's biggest ever opening weekend with 28 million dollars, said Warner Brothers, the studio behind the franchise.

In Australia the movie made 15 million dollars while it earned 12 million in Russia -- both the highest opening weekends of the Potter series, which will climax with the Part II of "Deathly Hallows" next year.



"This is truly a motion picture phenomenon, and it is just

the beginning for the penultimate release of the franchise," said Dan Fellman, head of US distribution.

Veronika Kwan-Rubinek, head of international distribution, added: "We are thrilled by the enthusiastic response of international audiences."

"It's a testament to the extraordinary vision of J.K. Rowling; the talents of the filmmakers, cast and everyone involved in the production; and to the hard work of our distribution and marketing teams around the world."

Industry daily the Hollywood Reporter hailed the latest Potter triumph.

"The box-office wizard has outdone himself," it said, reporting the box office smash.

Euro finance ministers agree to bail out Ireland

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - EU finance ministers looked "favourably" yesterday on a cry for bailout assistance from Ireland and said they were ready to use a massive fund set up in the spring to help Dublin, a diplomat told AFP.

After Ireland's cabinet agreed to lodge a request for financial aid from euro partners, eurozone and European Union finance ministers agreed in principle during an evening conference call to use the 750-billion-euro warchest.

The diplomat said non-eurozone members Britain and Sweden also agreed to contribute with direct bilateral aid,

although no figures were immediately available from any of the participants in the talks, after Ireland's cabinet drew up its demands in a battle over loan guarantee conditions.

Ministers from the G7 group of rich nations, adding the United States, Japan and Canada to Britain, France, Germany and Italy, were also staging discussions on the bailout, deemed necessary to prevent chaos in Ireland's debt-burdened banking system from infecting the wider global financial system.

Details of the bailout conditions have "still to be discussed by the European Commission,

the IMF and the European Central Bank with the Irish government," the source added as emergency talks in Dublin involving dozens of international experts went into a fourth night.

The bailout will amount to "less than 100 billion euros," Belgium's finance minister and current EU chairman Didier Reynders said.

Reynders told local media that the details of loan guarantees, expected to include strict repayment conditions and economic restructuring demands, would be worked out in negotiations in Dublin over the coming days.

OECD chief says Israeli economic growth above average

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) - Visiting OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría said yesterday that Israeli economic growth was likely to continue to outpace the average in the club of developed nations in the near future.

Speaking to Israel's army radio, Gurría said the latest data on growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

were "good news for Israel."

"In 2012, we, the OECD countries, are going to be around the 3.0 to 3.5 percent level," he said. "Israel is going to be around or above the 4.0 percent level, so it is going to be doing better than the average of the OECD."

OECD estimates show Israeli GDP growing by 3.9 percent in 2010, 4.0 percent in 2011 and 4.3 percent in 2012.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

CHET	CODAS	MADAM	FEST
LUTE	APART	ADANA	LANE
ETUL	REYAR	NINON	ORES
FAUL	CABINET	AMUR	RY
TAD	PET	FINER	
SCRAM	PALED	ALTAR	DDYS
ORAL	SOLED	BLUE	LOCAL
RITESTUFF	ACER	UCLA	
EME	BER	TOTHEBAR	QUIT
SEDATE	FYKE	RUTA	URE
VALDO	SAP	GENRE	
DAL	EARS	SEAS	TATTOO
ARLO	DREAMERS	DEM	ISM
POOR	ESTO	HAIR	PEACE
SOONG	FOES	PETES	ARAN
EMPORIUMS	MINOY	SYARS	
TITLE	COM	TIE	
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Poll: Britons want William, not Charles as next king



LONDON, England – Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton should be Britain's next king and queen, not the heir to the throne Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, two polls showed on the weekend.

An ICM poll, published in Britain's News of the World newspaper, showed that 64 percent of people wanted William and his future bride as next in line to the throne, while

a YouGov poll in the Sunday Times found the majority of Britons thought William would make a better king than his father Charles.

Charles, 62, is currently next in line to the throne, now occupied by his mother Queen Elizabeth, 84. The British public has no say in who should be their next king or queen, a largely symbolic role in a country run as a parliamentary democracy.

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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a

very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive

land life. All homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a



amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the is-

modest fee. Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

Check-in for your holiday escape is conducted in the comfort of your vacation home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation experience with great savings, visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com to get acquainted with the community and the layout, details and availability of accommodations, or call 586-2200 to talk personally to a Gold Coast representative.



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Joseph and Nancy Arcadipane honored as Aruba special guests



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority presented loyal Aruba vacationers with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for 10 and 20 consecutive years.

Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with 20 consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill

title.

Recent, the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes named Joseph and Nancy Arcadipane, staying at the Marriott Surf Club were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. They have been loyal visitors to the island for 10 years

Picture show ATA rep Ricardo Croes with the honorees and a Marriott Surf Club associate.

Storied Hope Diamond gets a new necklace

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The famed Hope Diamond, the largest of its kind in the world, has been set on a modern necklace in honor of the 50th anniversary of its arrival at Washington's Smithsonian museum.

The centuries-old 45.52 carat gem, once part of the French crown jewels and rumored to be cursed, will be mounted on a new platinum and diamond necklace designed by French craftsmen.

"We celebrate the 50th anniversary of this gift," Cristian Samper, the director of the Museum of Natural History said, calling the diamond, which is the size of a pigeon egg, a "gift to the world."

The diamond was donated to the museum over 50 years ago by the famed jeweler Harry Winston and has since become the second most-visited work of art in the world, after the Mona Lisa.

"The Smithsonian institution doesn't put a price on it. It's priceless, it's irreplaceable," Samper says, adding that it has been insured for 250 million dollars.

After one year the diamond will be returned to its historic setting and the new necklace will be sold to benefit the museum along with a diamond worth "at least a million dollars," according to Frederic de Narp, the CEO of Harry Winston jewelers, which made the new setting.

"What can be done to dress up a stone of this size and this reputation? Not much," the setting's 81-year-old designer Maurice Galli told AFP.

"It had to be simple but powerful," said Galli, who has designed jewelry for Tiffany and Van Cleef & Arpels.

The "Embracing Hope" setting was chosen in an online poll last year in which over 100,000 votes were cast.

The Smithsonian Channel yesterday premiered a new one-hour special on the stone's storied past, from its origins in India in the Middle Ages, when it was likely over 100 carats, to its arrival at the museum in a simple paper envelope in 1958.

"Hollywood couldn't make up a drama like the story of the Hope Diamond," David Royle, the executive vice president of the Smithsonian Channel, said.

"It's a fantastic mix of jaw-dropping beauty, mythic curse, untold wealth, larger-than-life characters and cutting-edge science."

Among other strange qualities, the blue gem glows fiery



red under ultraviolet light, fueling its reputation of being cursed.

The diamond was bought by King Louis XIV of France in 1668 and disappeared during the French Revolution shortly before its most famous owners, King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, went to the guillotine.

The diamond apparently changed hands a number of times, and at one point may have fallen into the hands of King George IV of England, who likely sold it to pay off his enormous debts, according to the Smithsonian Channel.

It resurfaced again in 1839 in the gem catalogue of Henry Philip Hope, earning its name, and was later displayed at the 1951 London Exhibition.

The diamond then made its way to America, where it was briefly owned by Pierre Cartier before being sold to a Washington, DC socialite, Evalyn Walsh McLean.

A darling of high society and a friend of US presidents, McLean would sport the diamond at social events and occasionally let her dog wear it, according to the Smithsonian Channel.

She was also known to hide it somewhere on her estate during the lavish parties she threw and invite guests to "Find Hope."

Winston purchased McLean's entire jewelry collection after her death and over the next nine years exhibited the Hope Diamond worldwide, before sending it to the Museum of Natural History in a simple brown paper package.



"Since the Hope's arrival at the Smithsonian, the curse appears to have gone dormant," the Channel said.

According to the Smithsonian, the Hope diamond was formed more than a billion years ago, 90 miles below the Earth's surface. It was brought to the surface by a volcanic eruption and was discovered in the 17th century in a mine in Golconda, India

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Rain or shine it was loads of fun!

Brazil wins the Nations Cup in a sizzling third-set tie-break



Beach tennis at the highest level was showcased to perfection last Friday evening, when the Nations Cup of the Marriott Stellaris Beach Tennis Event went underway at MooMba Beach. The best teams per country battled each other for all that they were worth, but no one could defeat the teams from Brazil:

they were just too good. Aruba did not have a chance, nor did the Czech Republic, Holland or the USA. No, it was only Brazil that counted: its two pro teams were the finalists.

The final was outstanding and truly exciting: the match even went to a third-set tie-break before the winners could be announced. Vini Fontana, Guilherme Prata, Joana Cortez and Samantha Barijan defeated Paula Cortez, Flavia Munis, Danien Fink, Adao Chagas and Felipe Toledo in great style before their crazy fans. It was Brazil all the way.

Aruba's enthusiastic beach tennis players also have done really well in the Beach Ten-

nis Event. The level was high in all the categories.

On Sunday afternoon and evening the knock-out draws in the Fun, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters and Pro divisions took place. We do not



have the results of the finals yet, but these will be known tomorrow. What we do know is how well local players Jochem Ros with his Brazilian partner Adao Chagas played against Italians Melli-coni and Tronki. They lost in the Pro division with a very, very good 6-7 in the tie-break. Youngsters Aksel Samarczic and Serghio Jie-

Jacoby Olree as well as for Lisa Blok and Jennifer – these team proceeded to the knock-out round of the tournament.

The Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event, with its 400 participants drew lots of enthusiastic supporters to MooMba during the past weekend. Especially when Aruba's players shone on the sandy courts the atmos-

phere was electric and a lot of fun. No rainshowers could dampen the sheer energy that this international event generates: everyone is happy and in great spirits, win or lose.

The awards presentation of the Marriott Stellaris Beach Tennis Event will be held on today, at the Marriott Stellaris Casino; then the US \$ 10,000 prize money will be divided among the winners.

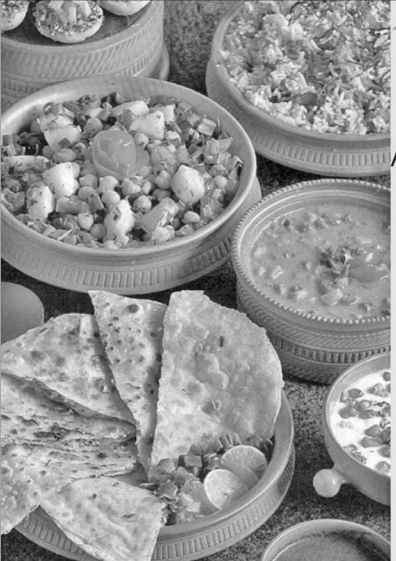
For updates and information one can surf to www.arubabeachtennis.com. Sponsors of the event are Marriott Stellaris Casino, MooMba Beach, Amstel Bright, Alno Kitchen, Deloitte, Aruba Aloe, Professional Pest Control, Company 81, The Entertainment Group, Now, Island Temptation, Holiday Inn, ISA, ATA, AMC Unicon, Zen Design, AWA, Bacardi Mojito and Powerade. Madame Janette was the sponsor of the Junior Tournament. The Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event has been rated GI Grade, the highest recognition of the World Cup tour, together with New York and Rome.




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KANSAS CITY: Receiver Steve Breaston #15 of the Arizona Cardinals makes a catch as Brandon Flowers (notes) #24 of the Kansas City Chiefs defends during the game on November 21, 2010 at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mis-

souri. Kansas went on to win 31-13.

Martinez knocks out Williams to retain WBC

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AFP) – Argentina's Sergio Martinez knocked out American Paul Williams with one explosive second-round punch to retain his World Boxing Council middleweight world title.

The left hook caught Williams on the jaw and sent the American toppling face-first to the canvas 1:10 of the second round.

As Martinez began to celebrate, doctors entered the ring to tend to Williams, who was able to get to his feet after several minutes.

Martinez, who improved to 46-2-2 with 25 knockouts, avenged a defeat to Williams last December, when the American won their action-packed encounter by a 12-round majority decision. Both fighters went down in the first round of that fight.

Martinez rebounded from that defeat to capture his title

Owner puts Houston Astros up for sale



HOUSTON, Texas (AFP) – Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane is putting the Major League Baseball club up for sale.

McLane, 74, said he has retained the New York investment firm Allen and Company to help him sell the team he has owned since 1992. Steve Greenberg, son of Hall of Fame slugger Hank Greenberg, is the firm's managing director.

Greenberg said McLane has not yet settled on an ask-

ing price, but he has already received inquiries regarding the sale.

McLane met with Astros employees on Friday before formally announcing his plans at the team's ballpark.

During In McLane's tenure, the Astros have made the playoffs six times in the past 14 years.

Houston won the National League Central division title in 1997, 1998 and 1999 and again in 2001. They reached the World Series in 2005, but were swept by the Chicago White Sox.

NHL mourns death of former coach Pat Burns

NEWARK, New Jersey (AFP) – Pat Burns, who led the New Jersey Devils to the 2003 Stanley Cup title and was honored three times as the NHL's outstanding coach, has died at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer.

"On behalf of the ownership, management, staff and players of the New Jersey Devils, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of Pat Burns," Lamoriello said. "Today, the hockey world has lost a great friend and ambassador. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Line, and the entire Burns' family."

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Openers launch strong Indian reply

NAGPUR (AFP) - Openers Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir hit fine half-centuries as India raced to 205-2 tea on the second day of the third and final Test against New Zealand on Sunday.

Sehwag clobbered 12 fours and a six in his 73-ball 74 to give the hosts early momentum before Gambhir joined in the run feast with a stroke-filled 78 at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur.

Gambhir added 113 runs for the opening wicket with Sehwag and another 79 for the second with Rahul Dravid to help India establish a 12-

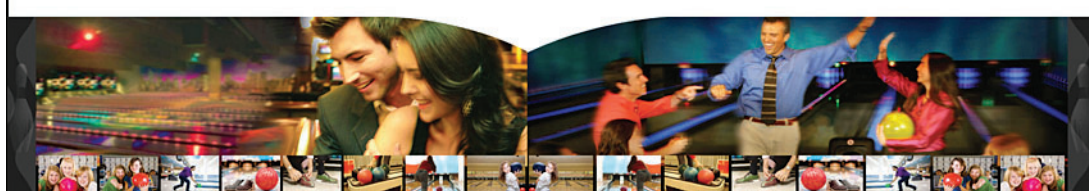
run lead in reply to New Zealand's first-innings 193, with eight wickets still in hand.

Dravid (35) and Sachin Tendulkar (six) were the not out batsmen at the break.

Gambhir survived a testing first hour before opening up to hit 12 fours during his 127-ball innings, which was cut short when he slashed paceman Tim Southee (1-35) to Ross Taylor in the slips.

After bundling out New Zealand early during the first session, the Indians got off to a flying start, thanks to the entertaining knock by Sehwag.

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Murray makes perfect start in Tour Finals

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray made a perfect start to his bid to win the ATP World Tour Finals for the first time with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sweden's Robin Soderling on Sunday.

Murray was in fine form as he opened the annual end-of-season event, featuring the

world's top eight players, with the kind of dominant display that hinted the British number one is capable of providing a home winner for the fans at London's O2 Arena.

Soderling, seeded fourth, arrived in the English capital full of confidence after an impressive year, but fifth seed

Murray was at his imperious best as he dismissed him in one hour and 20 minutes.

Murray had the perfect motivation against Soderling as the Swede had replaced him as the world number four after winning the Paris Masters last weekend.

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